

In the Detailed Description:

[0003] In cellular communications systems, an incoming voice call [7] or a message, among other events, will preempt an active packet session. For example, voice pre-emption of packet data (VPAD) service allows the system to deliver a voice call to a wireless communications device actively engaged in a packet data call. Pre-emption of the packet session forces the wireless communications station into the dormancy state, during which the packet session is suspended, to permit setting up the voice call, messaging application, or other service or application that triggered suspension of the packet session.

[0014] In FIG. 2, at 226, the active packet session of the wireless communications device 202 enters the dormant state and the dormancy timer is started, for example, based on dormancy timer information provided by the network in the control message. In another embodiment, the packet session is suspended, but initiation of the dormancy timer is delayed, as discussed further below. In FIG. 2, at 228, the MSC 206 sends a page to the MS 202 indicating that there is ~~[an]~~ a pending voice call, message, facsimile, emergency call-back, etc. depending upon the event triggering suspension of the packet session. In the exemplary process of FIG. 3, the wireless communications device receives a page, for example, a voice call page, at block 340.